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SUBJECT: ALBERT-RHODES VISIT TO PRC

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1. PRCLO HAS RESPONDED TO INFORMATION PROVIDED MARCH 4
REF A REGARDING COMPOSITION OF PARTY AND SUGGESTED DATES.
WE WERE INFORMED THE CHINESE HAVE APPROVED THE PROPOSED
PARTY OF 15, BUT HAVE SAID NO TO INCLUSION OF THE TV CREW
ON GROUNDS THAT PARTY ALREADY FAIRLY LARGE AND INCLUSION
PRESS COULD CREATE ADDITIONAL HANDLING PROBLEMS. WE TOLD
PRCLO WE ASSUME THE PARTY OF 15 MEANT THE PARTY TRAVELING
FROM THE US AND THAT A USLO COUPLE WILL BE ABLE TO ESCORT
THE PARTY IN CHINA. PRCLO SAID THEY WILL GET BACK TO US
ON THIS.

2. WE HAD EARLIER TOLD PRCLO THAT PARTY COULD DEFER
DEPARTURE FROM PRC TO APRIL 8, AND PERHAPS TO APRIL 9,
IF THIS WOULD FACILITATE IN-COUNTRY ITINERARY. PRCLO
REQUESTED A FIRMER DEPARTURE DATE FROM THE PRC AND INFORMED
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US THAT THEY WERE AMENABLE TO A DEPARTURE FROM CANTON.

SPEAKER ALBERT FIRST DECIDED THE PARTY WILL DEPART PRC

VIA CANTON ON APRIL 8 AND LEAVE HONG KONG ON APRIL 9.
HOWEVER, HE HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT HE HAS IMPORTANT
ENGAGEMENT AFTERNOON APRIL 10 AND PREFERS BE BACK
EVENING APRIL 9. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW SOON AS FIRM
DECISION MADE ON DATE AND PLACE OF DEPARTURE.

3. WE INFORMED PRCLO THAT WILLIAM GLEYSTEN WILL BE
ACCOMPANYING THE PARTY TO CHINA INSTEAD OF OSCAR
ARMSTRONG AND THAT THE DOCTOR ACCOMPANYING THE PARTY WILL
BE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PHYSICIAN, DR. FREEMAN H.
CARY. COMPLETE NAMELIST OF PARTY CONSISTS OF NAMES GIVEN
IN REF A, GLEYSTEN, CARY, AND SHEA (REF B).

4. WE WILL GIVE PRCLO DETAILED FLIGHT AND PASSPORT
INFORMATION AS SOON AS AVAILABLE AND WILL ALSO CABLE
INFORMATION TO USLO FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MFA.

5. WE HAVE PASSED MR. BUSH'S MESSAGES TO ALBERT AND
RHODES. THEY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING HIM IN PEKING.

6. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR MR. BUSH TO
ATTEND THE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRC OFFICIALS IN PEKING.
HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE PAST, THE ONLY USLO
OFFICER INVITED TO THESE MEETINGS HAS BEEN THE USLO
ESCORT OFFICER. IF YOU AGREE THAT MR. BUSH SHOULD
ACCOMPANY, IT MIGHT BE BEST FOR PARTY TO MENTION THIS
TO HOSTS AFTER ARRIVAL.

7. BELIEVE ALBERT/RHODES WILL WELCOME USLO BRIEFING AS
SOON AS CONVENIENT AFTER ARRIVAL, AND MR. BUSH MAY WISH
TO HOST RECEPTION. WE ASSUME USLO CAN COORDINATE TIMING
WITH CHINESE. FYI, WE ARE GIVING GENERAL BRIEFING TO
ENTIRE PARTY MARCH 18, AND MAY ARRANGE A SPECIAL BRIEFING
FOR ALBERT/RHODES.

8. HUANG CHEN IS GIVING SEND-OFF DINNER MARCH 21.

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